Dr. Odie B. Faulk, a former chairman of the history department at Oklahoma State University whose books have been nominated for three Pulitzer Prizes, is the new director of the Memphis State University Press. He replaces James Simmons, MSU Press director since 1970, who has become assistant director of the University of Southern Illinois Press.

Dr. Faulk's Pulitzer nominations were in 1968 for "Land of Many Frontiers: A History of the American Southwest," 1971 for "North America Divided: The Mexican War, 1846-1848" and in 1976 for "Home of the Brave: A Patriot's Guide to American History." Before moving to MSU he was editor of book publications at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.